

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

MICHAEL LOCKETT,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 4:20-CV-1634-SPM
)	
KILOLO KIJAKAZI,)	
Acting Commissioner of Social Security, ¹)	
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)	
Defendant.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This case is before the Court on Acting Commissioner Kilolo Kijakazi's ("the Commissioner's") Motion to Reverse and Remand the case to the Commissioner for further administrative action pursuant to sentence four of section 205(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). (Doc. 33). Plaintiff has filed a response stating that he has no objection to the motion. (Doc. 34). The parties have consented to the jurisdiction of the undersigned United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)(1). (Doc. 9).

On November 18, 2020, Plaintiff filed a Complaint seeking review of the Commissioner's decision that Plaintiff was not under a disability within the meaning of the Social Security Act. (Doc. 1). The Commissioner filed her answer and the transcript of the administrative proceedings on May 24, 2021. (Docs. 17, 18). Plaintiff filed a brief in support of the complaint on October 20, 2021. (Doc. 28).

¹ Kilolo Kijakazi became the Acting Commissioner of Social Security on July 9, 2021. Pursuant to Rule 25(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Kilolo Kijakazi should be substituted, therefore, for Andrew Saul as the defendant in this suit. No further action need be taken to continue this suit by reason of the last sentence of section 205(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

On January 18, 2022, the Commissioner filed the instant motion to reverse and remand the case to the Commissioner for further action under sentence four of section 205(g) of the Social Security Act, which permits the Court “to enter, upon the pleadings and transcript of the record, a judgment affirming, modifying, or reversing the decision of the Commissioner, with or without remanding the cause for a rehearing.” 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). The Commissioner represents in her motion that after careful review, agency counsel determined that remand was required, and that on remand, the agency will re-evaluate all the opinions of record in accord with 20 C.F.R. §§ 404.1527c and 416.927c, offer the claimant the opportunity for a hearing, take further action to complete the administrative record resolving the above issues, and issue a new decision.

After review, the Court agrees with the parties that this case should be reversed and remanded for further consideration pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g).

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Commissioner’s Motion to Reverse and Remand (Doc. 33) is **GRANTED**.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that decision of the Commissioner of Social Security is **REVERSED** and that this case is **REMANDED** under Sentence Four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for reconsideration and further proceedings consistent with this opinion. A separate judgment will accompany this Memorandum and Order.



SHIRLEY PADMORE MENSAH
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated this 20th day of January, 2022.